Emotional Abuse and Girl Child Neglect

1.. Every second child reported facing emotional abuse.

2. Equal percentage of both girls and boys reported facing emotional abuse.

3. In 83% of the cases parents were the abusers.

4. 48.4% of girls wished they were boys.

Stringent action against mal-treatment of children

†3486. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision for stringent action against teachers who mistreat and beat children in school is being made in the proposed Central legislation;

(b) whether cruel beating of children will be deemed a criminal offence in the proposed legislation; and

(c) whether neglect of equal rights of girls will be brought within the ambit of criminal offence in the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHR1MATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The proposed offences against the Child (Prevention) Bill, which includes all offences against children, is under consideration of the Government.

National study on Child Abuse

3487. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the first National Study on Child Abuse covering 13 States released by her Ministry says that 53 per cent of children faced some kind of abuse;

(b) if so, whether according to the study, States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and Delhi reported high levels of abuse;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are about 30 million street children in the country and Government has neither State-wise nor district-wise data on child abuse;

(d) if so, the other main points of the report; and

(e) the steps Government have proposed to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no such data available on the number of street children in the country.

(d) The major findings of the report is given in the Statement.

[Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 3485(a)]

(e) The Ministry after going through the findings of the report will draw up a Plan to reduce child abuse and maltreatment in the country after consultations with all concerned Government and non government agencies.

Scheme for girl child

3488. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a scheme in the eleventh Five Year Plan that will cover the medical and education cost of the girls and give them a token amount when they turn 18 years;